

ON 24 FEBRUARY 2022, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION LAUNCHED A BROAD MILITARY INVASION IN UKRAINE, WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SIGNIFICANT INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT AND CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS.

KEY FIGURES SINCE FEBRUARY 24, 2022



IOM is counselling third country nationals on the option to apply for Voluntary Humanitarian Return to their country of origin.
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To this moment, it is estimated that over **6,029,705¹** persons have been forcibly displaced into neighboring countries, with still more projected to move out of the country.

8,029,000² persons are displaced within Ukraine as a direct result of the war.

583,066³ persons have arrived to Hungary across the Hungarian-Ukrainian border.


1582  **993**
 **589**

PERSONS HAVE BEEN ASSISTED ON SITE THROUGH INFORMATION PROVISION AND REFERRAL

 **186** PROVIDED WITH SAFE ACCOMMODATION

 **237** VULNERABILITY SCREENINGS ASSESSMENTS

 **195** PROTECTION CASES IDENTIFIED

 **25** THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS RECEIVED VHR ASSISTANCE

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Direct assistance: IOM operates an information point at Nyugati railway station in Budapest, in cooperation with the Municipality of Budapest where people can receive legal counselling on status, residence permit and temporary protection, as well as information on accommodation and available services. Information provision is also ensured at the border through IOM's permanent presence at Záhony railway station.

Accommodation: IOM is running an accommodation facility and managing short term bookings through its partnership with Airbnb for Ukrainian citizens and TCNs in need. IOM mobile teams are also visiting the shelters provided by the municipalities in the Szatmar county (border area) and meeting with the beneficiaries to make sure they are provided assistance responsive to their needs.

¹ <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine>

² <https://displacement.iom.int/reports/ukraine-internal-displacement-report-general-population-survey-round-3-11-17-april-2022?close=true>

³ <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine>

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Counter trafficking: IOM Hungary is scaling up the counter-trafficking component of its emergency response through the development of communication materials, especially information and awareness-raising leaflets. Social media channels are also being used to disseminate messages on safe migration and raise awareness on protection risks.

Protection: Vulnerability screening assessments are being conducted by IOM staff in the border area, including in the shelters provided by local municipalities and at IOM Hungary's desk in Záhony. IOM staff is raising awareness on protection risks and identifying unaccompanied and separated minors as well as TCNs and refugees with indicators of vulnerability and/or human trafficking.

Assistance to Third Country Nationals: TCNs are provided individual counselling on humanitarian voluntary return to their country of origin, together with direct assistance before and during departure. IOM Hungary's mobile teams are also conducting a mapping exercise in Budapest, especially in the different universities, to identify Third Country Nationals fleeing from Ukraine and provide them with relevant information and support.

IOM EMERGENCY HOTLINE

A new **hotline service** has been established for people displaced by the conflict in Ukraine. This new operational activity addresses three main necessities:

1. General information on legal status, accommodations and any other queries.
2. Emergency situations involving unsafe conditions like exploitation or human trafficking.
3. Mental health and psychosocial support.

It represents an effective and instantaneous tool of communication, led by three hotline operators, and available in Ukrainian, Hungarian and English. Furthermore, during the hours of closing service, a recorded voice spreads to the user all the relevant information in case of acute danger or in need of immediate assistance.



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AND WHENEVER YOU FEEL UNSAFE OR
IN DANGER, CALL THEM IMMEDIATELY!

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